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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--~~This invention relates to a~~ A connector (1) for connecting a dialysate port (31) of a ~~hemodialysis machine~~ dialyzer with a dialysate-carrying line and a dialyzer. The ~~inventive~~ connector (1) has a recess (6, 6') with a shift element (3) on the end (4) which accommodates the ~~hemodialysis machine~~ dialyzer port. The (31), whereby the shift element (3) is accommodated in the recess and is displaceable between a first position and a second position perpendicular to the direction of the lumen (8) on ~~this~~ the first end (4). The shift element (3) does not pass through the lumen (8) in the first position. In the ~~first~~ second position, the lumen (8) is constricted so that the connector (1) with the shift element (3) can be placed on the dialysate port (31), and ~~in the second position it can be~~ connector locked on the dialysate port (31) by means of an undercut (30) thereon. ~~The inventive connector is suitable for production as a disposable item in comparison with the widely used Hansen coupling. At the same time, a simple and reliable connection of a dialysate-carrying line to a dialysate port of a hemodialysis machine is possible, and does not require~~

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~~any structural measures on the dialysis machine itself. (FIG. 3b)~~

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